

AFRL welcomes new materials deputy director

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Col. Timothy Sakulich took over as the Air Force Research Laboratory's Materials and Manufacturing deputy director in July.

He comes to AFRL after an assignment with the Defense Cooperation Agency in Arlington, Va. where he served as the country program director for two years.

"The Air Force is great and will remain great because of what we (AFRL) are doing," Sakulich said.

The Michigan native is an Air Force Academy graduate and was commissioned in 1984. Sakulich holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in applied mathematics from North Carolina State University.

Sakulich has served a variety of assignments including the Air Force Logistics Command, as an aide to the commander and as a logistic operations research analyst and branch chief. He also spent time in the Pentagon working for the joint staff and was a national defense fellow with the Institute for Defense Analyses in Virginia.

The colonel has two goals while at ML. First, he hopes to gain a deeper understanding of science and technology and how it transitions to the warfighter. Second, he wants to mentor the troops.

"I want our people to leave here motivated to stay in the Air Force and to use the tools they have learned here and apply them," he said.

Sakulich believes in a commitment to excellence. "Everything derives from it. If you are committed, then good things are going to happen personally, professionally and organizationally," he said. @



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